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SUBJECT: NORTH KOREA RECOGNIZES MPLA GOVERNMENT IN ANGOLA

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1. KOREAN PRESS NOVEMBER 18 SAYS THAT ACCORDING TO A BROADCAST BY THE NORTH KOREAN NEWS AGENCSPE NORTH KOREA RECOGNIZED THE SOVIET-BACKED POPULAR MOVEMENT FOR THE LIBERATION OF ANGOLA ON NOVEMBER 15. WE HAVE NOT YET SEEN REPORT OF BROADCAST IN FBIS ITEMS RECEIVED HERE BUT HAVE GOTTEN CONFIRMATION OF DPRK ANNOUNCEMENT FROM MOFA. MOFA ALSO SAYS DPRK SENT AMBASSADOR KIM BYONG HO FROM CAIRO TO ANGOLA TO ATTEND MPLA CELEBRATION OF FORMATION OF GOVERNMENT AND DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE NOVEMBER 11.

2. COMMENT: USUN MAY WISH TO POINT OUT TO LOYAL SUPPORTERS OF OAU POLICY, PRIOR TO PLENARY VOTE ON KOREAN RESOLUTION, LACK OF CONCERN DPRK HAS FOR OAU EFFORTS TO PRODUCE NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT AND GOVERNMENT.
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